Irrigation project in Orissa during Seventh five year Plan

3246. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the outlay fixed for executing major and medium irrigation projects in Orissa during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) what are the details of strategy proposed to be adopted for the completion of on-going major and medium irrigation projects in Orissa during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The approved outlay for major and medium irrigation projects in Orissa during the Seventh Plan is Rs. 550 crores.

(b) The strategy is to complete the on-going projects which are in an advanced stage and are capable of yielding benefits during the Seventh Plan.

Paddy procurement

3247. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target set during the current season for the procurement of paddy;

(b) whether there has been a tardy progress in the procurement of paddy;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to achieve the target in the procurement of paddy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) No target for the procurement of paddy has been set by the Central Government as paddy is procured under price support operations.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. As on 16.12.85, 41.01 lakh tonnes of paddy has been procured against 33.37 lakhs tonnes on the corresponding date last year.

Working of the National Film Development Corporation

3248. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that severe strictures had recently been passed by a semi-judicial body against he working of the National Film Development Corporation especially as regards its policy and criteria for the import of foreign films for distribution through its network;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) to (c) The Film Certification Appellate Tribunal, set up under the Cinematograph Act, 1952, on an appeal filed by the National Film Development Corporation Ltd., under Section 5(C) of the Act against the decision of the Central Board of Film Certification, Bombay, refusing certificate to the film, 'The Prize of Peril' (English), imported by the Corporation, has, in an order passed on 18th November, 1985, made the following observations concerning import of foreign films by the National Film Development Corporation:

"We are shocked to find how public money is wasted by importing films which have no cultural or ethical values. The N.F.D.C. is supposed to set up a standard to be followed by others. If this is the kind of films imported by the N.F.D.C. Ltd., which is the canalising agency for import of feature films, we feel that Government should seriously re-consider whether such an agency is required at all. We would suggest that a serious view is taken by the Government to ensure saving of our foreign exchange and, in any case, ensuring that some responsible persons are entrusted with the power of importing foreign films which do not breach the guidelines laid down by the Government. The res-